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Rev. J. B. Brooks, Rt. 2, Hillsboro
Rev. S. T. Taylor, R. 2, Northside
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CONSTITUTION

of the

EAST CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE I

This Association shall be styled the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE II

This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing and full practice of doctrine, faith, discipline, ordinances, and efficacy of the regular Baptist denomination.

ARTICLE III

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Statistician, whose duties shall be as is common to such officers, who are appointed viva voce. The Moderator and Clerk shall not be eligible to hold their offices more than two consecutive sessions.

ARTICLE IV

The sole object of this Association shall be for fraternal intercourse, mutual counsel, to stimulate the union of churches, to promote among ourselves the interest of education and the spreading of God's word. Any church, a member of this Association, neglecting to be represented by letter or delegate at two successive annual meetings shall be visited by a worthy admonitor from this body, and if she neglects to attend the third annual session she shall be cut from the Association.

ARTICLE V

This Association shall meet annually, composed of not more than two delegates from each church, with a letter stating the condition of the church. Said meeting shall convene on Wednesday after the third Sunday in July, with introductory sermon, and continue until the business of the Association is completed. The rules of order in Hiscock's Baptist Directory shall govern the deliberations of this body.

ARTICLE VI

Membership in this Association shall be confined to the delegates and preachers who hold membership within these bounds.

ARTICLE VII

Pastors and deacons are recommended to be very accurate in the government of their churches, as we will recognize no church that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, according to the Holy Scriptures, which is our rule of faith, practice, and doctrine.

ARTICLE VIII.

No difficulties arising between churches shall be heard by the Association until gospel steps have been taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

ARTICLE IX

Members of other Associations pastoring churches within the bounds of the Association may be members of this Association, giving counsel, but not allowed to vote. (See Article VI.)

ARTICLE X

Letters from churches shall state the number of members in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, expelled, or died.

ARTICLE XI

This Association will furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, and, in order to do so it is requested that all churches pay two cents per capita. The money shall be sent by the delegates or in the church letter to the Association, which, when received, shall be put in the hands of the treasurer, and shall be disbursed as the Association may direct.

ARTICLE XII

The following committees shall be appointed after the opening of the session: (1) Committee on Devotional Exercises, (2) Committee on Finance, (3) Committee on Place of Next Meeting, (4) Committee on Admission of New Churches, (5) Committee on Order of Business, (6) Committee on Publication of Minutes, and such other as may be needful.

ARTICLE XIII

Any church belonging to the Association, wishing to leave and join another association of the same faith and order, shall have a letter of dismissal from the Association to be and remain in order with us.

ARTICLE XIV

This Constitution may be amended or changed at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided twelve months notice has been given.

CONSTITUTION

of the

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE EAST CEDAR GROVE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Auxiliary of the East Cedar Grove Association.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The object of the Auxiliary shall be to assist the brethren in Home and Foreign Missionary work, especially along the lines of Ministerial Education.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of theh Auxiliary shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. Their duties being such as are common to the offices they hold.

Sec. 2. All officers to be elected annually and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3. The Executive Board of the Woman's East Cedar Grove Union shall act as Executive Board for Auxiliary, whose duty it shall be to carry out the purpose and work of the Auxiliary at its absence.

Sec. 4. The officers of the Auxiliary are members of the Executive Board by virtue of their office. Five members shall constitute a quorum to do business for the body.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Woman's Auxiliary shall meet with the East Cedar Grove Association on Thursday morning of the same week said Association meets on Wednesday.

Sec. 2. Any Missionary Baptist church, Sunday school, missionary circle, or educational organization may be represented in the Auxiliary by the annual payment of 50 cents. Any member of a Missionary Baptist church may become an annual member by the payment of 25 cents.

Sec. 3. Visitors may be invited to seats, but not to vote.

Sec. 4. The meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The meetings of the Association shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator or whoever he may appoint. There may be religious talks made by various brethren at each praise meeting. No one shall consume more than five minutes at a time, except the Moderator, who, on opening the first morning, may use as much time as decency will allow.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, corrected, and approved.

3. No brother shall be interrupted while he is speaking unless his remarks are foreign to the subject under debate. Any brother may then arise to a point of order, or the Moderator call him to the proposition under consideration. When a brother is called to order by a Moderator he shall take his seat until it is determined by the Moderator whether or not he is in order. The said brother may appeal from the decision of the chair. The decision of the Association shall be final.

4. No brother shall use personal reflections during the discussions; nor speak more than twice to a motion, nor longer than ten minutes.

5. The Corresponding Secretary shall introduce all correspondence, corresponding secretaries, notes, and report unfinished business, and read the Constitution and Rules of Order at the opening of each annual session, and enroll the names of the delegates.

6. Delegates sent to this Association shall remain until the business of the Association is completed, unless they be excused by the Association.

7. No delegate shall leave the house during the process of business without leave of the Moderator.

8. Hours of meeting and adjournment shall be determined by a committee, except the first morning. Then the Moderator shall call the house to order at 10 o'clock a. m.

9. No committee shall meet during hours of business except a committee to whom a report has been recommended.

10. The Rules of Order may be suspended or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

11. That the Clerk shall have $15.00 for his services of superintending printing of Minutes and their distribution.

PROCEEDINGS

Berea, N. C., July 18, 1928.

The Thirty-Third Annual Session of the East Cedar Grove Association met with the New Hope Granville Church on the date mentioned above to engage in its annual meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. S. T. Thomas. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. G. T. Street and Brother Max Johnson. Hymn No. 110. Psalms 133 was read for Scripture lesson; then Rev. G. T. Street invoked God's blessings upon the delegation through prayer. Twenty minutes were given for praise service, in which time many heartfelt expressions were made.

After the devotionals, the Moderator declared the meeting open for business. He then announced that the welcome address would be delivered. After the pastor of the church, Rev. J. T. Peace, was presented by the Moderator, he came forward and with very uplifting words he caused the delegation to feel welcome. Among many other things, Rev. Peace said that the present day is calling for prepared ministers who are prepared both in head and in heart. He said further, that God has not called talking-machines to preach the Gospel, but He has called living men to preach the Gospel. He made us welcome on the part of the church, the Sunday School and the Home Mission Circle. He asked that the brethren strive to give to the people here the most wholesome instruction while in session.

A motion carried that in the absence of Rev. E. W. Walker, who was to have made the response to the welcome address, that Rev. J. H. A. Jenkins would respond to the welcome address. Rev. Jenkins came forward and delivered a very impressive response on the part of the Association.

Brother J. C. Jones introduced and presented the moderator, Rev. S. T. Thomas, to deliver his annual address. Rev. Thomas came forward and began his address by saying: "I thank God for having brought us together in this thirty-third annual meeting of the East Cedar Grove Association. He gave for his subject "The Value of Men." In setting forth the value of men, he referred to the 8th chapter and 4th verse of the Psalms, which reads as follows: "What is man that thou art mindful of him." In discussing God's love for man he said that God has many agents in the world in man's behalf. He also said that God's care for man denotes the value of man. He said that God's love for man was so great that despite the disobedience of man, He

arranged that man might be saved if he would believe. In closing, Rev. Thomas stressed the importance of pointing out continually the value of man.

After the moderator's address, a motion carried that Dr. A. S. Croom respond because of the absence of Rev. P. E. Green, who was to have responded. In Dr. Croom's response, he said that the value of man laid on us a tremendous responsibility to give to the world valuable service. He said further that another big task of valuable men is to help Jesus Christ to redeem the world to Himself. He urged that religion be lived out rather than talked out.

The moderator ruled regarding the constitutional matter of last year, that the report of the Committee on Revising the Constitution be accepted as the right amount of money to represent each church as required by the Association, which was two cents per capita.

Motion carried to adjourn for one hour. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Tilly.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. Samuel Harris and S. T. Taylor. Hymn, "'Tis Jesus Christ I Long to Find," etc. A part of the 12th chapter of Heb. was read for Scripture lesson. Then prayer was offered by Brother J. H Wilson. After a very inspiring prayer meeting the moderator declared the house ready for business. With moderator in chair, the minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved. Then the moderator announced that because the time had arrived for the introductory sermon the visitors would be given a chance to express themselves later. After singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," led by Rev. P. E. Green, Rev. G. W. Thomas read a part of 3rd chapter of the First Corinthians; then prayer was offered by Brother Phelix Walker. Then the delegation joined in singing "The Old Time Religion." After being presented Rev. W. D. Smith arose and announced for his text 1 Timothy, 4:12, 13, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit in faith in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." Subject, "The Minister an Example." Rev. Smith referred to the youth of the minister as a very dangerous period of his life. He said, "He may go into the right way, or he may be shifted into the wrong way." He said the young minister should safeguard the dangerous period of his life by associating safe advisers and by invoking the very presence of Him, the Holy Spirit, to guide him. He said that a man who

is a minister should put his whole life and time in the ministry if he is to serve acceptably. Rev. Smith said, "I have not fully understood the full meaning of the sacredness of the office of the ministry, but I learn as I go on in the cause of the Master." Rev. Smith urged that the ministers value their word—value it so much that the people everywere who know them can say that whatever they say is true. At the close of the sermon he emphasized the need of preachers seeking to know the worth of being a good example as a minister. He advised the ministers never to refer to any congregation as being worthless, but instead, give them a chance by being a good example in all that the text includes. At the close of the sermon Brothers L. J. Jeffers and R. D. Rogers took a collection to the amount of $6.18. The moderator then introduced the following brethren: Rev. W. M. Harris of the Harmony Association, Skippsmith, Va.; Deacon G. H. Harris of the Bluestone Association; Rev. M. Milligan of the Lumber River Association; Rev. J. C. Lyon of the County Line Association. Rev. P. E. Green delivered a sermon in the grove, accompanied by Rev. S. W. Keith. His text was taken from Psalms 17:4, "Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer." His subject: "Preservation from the Destroyer." A collection was taken to the amount of $2.11. Motion carried to adjourn until tomorrow morning. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Lyon.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. W. Keith and Brother J. W. Velines. Hymn, "I am not Ashamed to Own my Lord," etc. A part of the 10th chapter of John was read for Scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Brother J. W. Velines.

After the praise service, the moderator announced the house ready for business. He then called for the minutes of the yesterday afternoon session. The minutes were read and approved. Then the moderator presented Rev. J. L. Tilley, a professor of theology of Shaw University. Rev. Tilly arose and began his remarks by saying to the body, "I am flesh of your flesh and bone of your bone, and whatever I have done or whatever I may do for the Kingdom of Christ, you have a share in it." He gave as his subject, "Cooperation." He said that one of the great duties of the Baptist is to make the necessary sacrifice to live up with our leading brethren to put over the program of the Master. He said the big job of the Baptists is to stick together, and that the educators among Baptists should do their work among Bap-

tists, that those who do not have education may have it. It is our job to cooperate in our associational work and in our Baptist State work, he continued. He said further that the pastor should cooperate with every auxiliary of his church, and if he does not he is not a worthy pastor. Rev. Tilley made an earnest appeal to the ministers of the association to attend the great All-Baptist Celebration and be inspired by some of the greatest men of the world.

After the address by Rev. Tilly, Dr. C. C. Somerville of Portsmouth, Va., the field agent of the Lott-Cary Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, was introduced. "Rev. Somerville said, "The Lott-Cary Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is one of the greatest organizations in the world. It is the only organization which does Foreign Mission work exclusively." He spoke of the need of bringing in our lost brethren,—he quoted this passage of Scripture, "Except your brother be with you, ye shall not see my face." He said that Jesus enjoined the duty of doing mission work, at home, in the state and throughout the world, quoting these words of Jesus, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Then he made a strong appeal to the Association to help our brother in Africa. After the message by Dr. Somerville, a collection for foreign missions was taken to the amount of $17.50.

The following cimmittees were enlarged from 3 to 5 by motion: Committee on Credentials and Committee on Education. A motion carried that Rev. J. W. Day's resignation as chairman of the Committee on Obituaries be accepted, and Brother Samuel Harris serve instead. After the appointment of various committees the moderator announced that the Woman's Auxiliary would take charge for their work. The meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The delegation reassembled for business. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. T. Pierce and Brothr D. A. Toran. Hymn, "My Soul, Be on Thy Guard," etc. A part of the 10th chapter of Romans was read and prayer offered by Brother D. A. Toran. The moderator announced that Rev. Samuel Harris and Rev. J. E. Thorpe would go to the school house and preach. At the service at the school house a collection was taken to the amount of $3.16. Next, the minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted. Next, the following committees made their reports, which were approved: Committee on Ministerial Education, Committee on Foreign Missions, Committee on Time

and Place, Committee on Officers, Committee on Obituaries, Committee on Sunday Schools, Committee on Home Missions, Committee on New Churches, Committee on Temperance (with an amendment of all intoxicants); the statistician made his report, which was approved. Motion carried that Brother R. D. Rogers be continued as Statistician. The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted.

After much business was transacted the moderator announced that Rev. A. S. Croom, D.D., would preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Rev. J. L. Tilley led the congregation in singing, "I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on me." Then prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Standfield. After being introduced and presented by Rev. Tilley, Rev. Croom arose and gave for his text 1 John 1:8, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Subject, "Holiness and Sanctification." The preacher asked, "What is holiness or sanctification?" The answer is found in the word of God (Phil. 1:6). It is a continuous and progressive work. It is a continuous warfare. (Rom. 7:14-25) How shall we get out of this dilemma regarding this all important question? Here it is, "With my mind I serve the Lord." The Christian has two natures. Sanctification does not free us from sin only in proportion as it develops us into the new life. Sanctification begins in regeneration and ends nowhere." Rev Croom gave to the audience a well prepared and heartfelt message. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken which amounted to $10.02.

A motion carried that a rising vote of thanks be given to the New Hope Granville church and community for their hospitality toward the delegation. Reports on Finance and Appropriation were made and approved.

Sister Lucenda Parish, Vice-President of Woman's Auxiliary, requested that we continue in prayer until we can follow the Holy Spirit in doing more work for the Master.

Mrs. Charlotte Webb, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, turned over to the Association treasury from the Woman's Auxiliary $5.00 to assist in printing minutes and $1.00 to pay to sexton.

The following ministers made their annual contribution to the Association: Rev. S. T. Thomas, 50c; Rev. J. T. Pierce, 50c; Brother Ransom Thomas, 50c; Rev. S. L. Allen, 50c; Brother N. A. Trice, 25c; Brother A. L. McClaughess, 25c; Rev. P. E. Green, 50c; Rev. J. L. Tilley, 50c; Rev. A. S. Croom, 50c; Rev. W. D. Smith, 50c; Rev. Frank Fletcher, 50c; Rev. S. W. Keith, 50c; Brother J. G. Cameron, 25c; Bro. J. W. Velines, 25c; Rev.

J. B. Brooks, 50c; Brother C. L. McCoy, 25c; Rev. T. L. Bobbitt, 50c; Rev. H. D. Eaton, 50c; Brother J. L. Day, 25c; Brother D. A. Toran, 25c; Brother W. J. Satterfield, 25c; Rev. G. W. Thomas, 50c. Total $9.25.

After the contribution of the ministers there were notices served on certain articles of the Constitution as follows:

Because the moderators and clerks of our Association are prevented from remaining in office long enough to become sufficiently familiar with the doings of the Association to do their best work for the Association, I wish to serve notice that the part of Article 3 in the Constitution be changed, which reads: "The moderator and clerk shall not be eligible to hold their offices more than two consecutive years."

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. Thomas.

Notice is served on Article 11 that it be changed to read as follows: "In order that the Association may be able to carry out its obligations to further Christian Education and Foreign Missions and the general expenses of the Association, we request each church to send as a representation fee ten cents per capita."

July 22, 1928. John L. Tilley.

Whereas there is no special regulation on the part of the Constitution relative to the ordained and licentiate ministers in paying the annual contribution of 50c and 25c, respectively, I hereby serve notice that in our next sitting the necessary provision be made to regulate such.

Sincerely,

A. S. Croom.

Following the remarks by the moderator, the meeting adjourned to meet with the Cameron Grove Church near Fairntosh, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Cedar Grove—A. G. Beard and Henry Gentry.
Mt. Level—Samuel Evans and Bedford Burton.
Olivet Baptist—A. L. McColough and Felix Walker.
Shady Hill—A. W. Blackwell and J. W. Pettiford.
Lee's Chapel—Willie Brooks and D. L. McBroon.
Orange Grove—E. B. Lyon and R. L. Lyon.
Red Mountain—M. C. Johnson and Samuel Burton.
Cleggs Chapel—N. Clayton and F. C. Cousin.
St. Paul—J. H. Wilson.
Union Baptist—R. D. Rogers and R. W. Walker.
Henderson Grove—K. T. Ferrell and W. L. Lynch.
Cameron Grove—James Clemon and Fletcher Satterfield.
New Hope Granville—Ned Satterfield and John Downey.

Mt. Calvary—Odis Rogers and A. L. Allen.
Mt. Vernon—Z. N. Bullock and J. C. Jones.
Siloam—James O'Bryant and Samuel Hayes.
Jones Chapel—J. L. Tally and M. J. Owens.
West Durham—S. P. Satterfield.
Olive Grove—Asa Howell and C. H. Harris.
Tallaho—S. L. Lyon and A. B. Short.
New St. James—W. H. Lyon and M. C. Clayton.
Oak Grove—E. T. Harris and R. W. Satterwhite.
Green Field—Henry Garrett and Mat White.
Union Grove—Nat Velines and James Vensin.
Calvary Baptist—S. N. Noble.
Lawson Chapel—L. J. Jeffers and T. H. Jeffers.
Piney Grove—James Allen and O. L. Taylor.
New Hope Person—Ike Carrington and Lucar Mitchell.
Union Chapel—J. A. Royster and H. R. Cozart.
Second Baptist—Rev. E. W. Walker.
Ledge Rock—Rev. P. E. Green.
Zoar Baptist—Rev. P. E. Green.
Rocky Spring—E. L. Hicks and Ernest Grissom.
Lattaville Grove—John Jacob and Josiah Ross.
First Baptist Creedmoor—by letter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as follows: Whereas hundreds and thousands of souls have not heard the Gospel and whereas they are dependent upon those who have caught a vision of our Lord and Saviour; we therefor recommend and urge all pastors and deacons to impress upon the minds of their people the need of giving more money to this great cause so that those who have not heard the Gospel may know our Lord.

Rev. P. E. Green,
Rev. W. A. Blackwell,
E. B. Lyon,
Committee.

TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg to make the following report: That the next session be held with the Cameron Grove Church near Fairntosh, N. C., on Wednesday after the third Sunday in July, 1929.

Brother Fletcher Satterfield,
Brother Samuel Burton,
Brother J. H. Wilson,
Committee.

SERMONS

We, your Committee on Sermons, beg leave to make the following report: For special sermon, Rev. P. E. Green; alternate, Rev. J. W. Day; for doctrinal sermon, Rev. J. L. Tilley; alternate, Rev. T. C. Graham.

M. C. Johnson,
M. Z. Owens,
R. W. Satterwhite,
Committee.

OFFICERS

We, your Committee on Officers, beg to submit the following: For Moderator, Rev. H. D. Eaton; Vice-Moderator, Rev. G. W. Thomas; for Secretary, Brother J. C. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. E. Thorpe; and for Treasurer, Brother S. N. Noble; for Ordaining Council, Revs. J. W. Day, W. D. Smith, A. S. Croom, D. D. Jones, H. D. Eaton, S. T. Thomas, T. C. Graham.

J. L. Tally,
N. Satterfield,
Nat Velines,
Committee.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: During the associational year it has pleased the Almighty God not to take from among us any beloved brother. He has more work for us to do in the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

Rev. Samuel Harris,
Brother Henry Garrett,
Brother Henry Gentry,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to make the following report: That whereas the Sunday School is the Church at work preparing the souls of the people for the Kingdom of Christ, and to stimulate the Church and communities where they are located, be it resolved that pastors and deacons take special interest in this auxiliary to the extent of their ability.

Brother Samuel Evans,
Rev. T. L. Bobbitt,
D. L. McBroon,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report as follows: That whereas intemperance is an evil as old as society, and its victims are among kings and princes as well as among paupers, and is the parent of crime among all races. Therefore, be it resolved first, that this Association condemn liquor drinking and all intoxicants in any way whatever, and that the pastors and churches of our Association practice soberness always and teach these principles everywhere.

Rev. J. E. Thorpe,
Brother A. L. McColough,
Brother N. Clayton,
Committee.

NEW CHURCHES

The Committee on New Churches reported that there were no new churches applying for membership.

Brother Bedford Burton,
Brother Felix Walker,
Brother J. W. Pettiford,
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, wish to submit our report as follows: Whereas, home missions have proved a great stimulus to our local churches, and whereas foreign missions depends upon the home field; we recommend and urge all pastors and deacons to impress upon the minds of their people the need of contributing more money for fostering the cause of missions. We further recommend that the East Cedar Grove Association will make a special contribution each session for home missions.

Rev. G. W. Thomas,
Brother Odis Rogers,
Rev. J. T. Pierce,
Committee.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises, beg leave to make the following report: That Rev. H. Hoskin and Rev. J. T. Peace will preach out at the school house at once.

Rev. J. T. Peace,
Brother Ned Satterfield,
Brother L. M. Oakley,
Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Whereas the civilization of which we are a part is undergoing rapid and unprecedented changes economically, socially, educationally, morally, and religiously, which threaten the moral and spiritual life of our people, and tend to overthrow the principles for which our fathers have pleaded and suffered; and whereas the church is not keeping pace in its advancement with the demands of the time in Christian leadership and character building as commanded and taught by our Lord and Master; and whereas the minister, in order to lead God's flock rightly and prove himself worthy of the place to which God has called him, must have the vision to see the need, the willingness to pay the price to fit himself to understand the problems and needs of the people, the true interpretation of God's word, and to consecrate his own life to be "an example in all things"; and whereas our secondary schools and Shaw University are in urgent need of money that their doors might not be shut; and whereas many ministers who are anxious to prepare themselves need our moral support and financial help, we therefore recommend that each minister of this Association be asked to prayerfully and carefully study in order to bring a Gospel message each time to his people that they may grow in the Christian graces and more effective Kingdom building. We further recommend that as many as possible avail themselves of the special course given at Shaw University each year. We also recommend that we make as large a contribution as possible for the theological department of Shaw University and urge the same on the part of our people. We also recommend that the East Cedar Grove Association provide a scholarship each year for the ministers in our Association who avail themselves of the advantages at Shaw. We ask that we contribute to and help support the *Union Reformer,* Baptist paper and that we keep alive and support our Ministerial Conference.

Rev. John L. Tilley,
Brother R. D. Rogers,
Brother W. L. Lynch,
Brother K. T. Ferrell,
Brother Z. N. Bullock,
Committee.

CREDENTIALS

We, your Committee on Credentials, submit the following: That according to letters, the 34 churches are in good standing and Gospel order.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother I. C. Carrington,
Brother S. N. Noble,
Brother James O'Bryant,
Brother W. H. Standfield, ,
Brother A. T. Beard,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought up to the Association at Wall Street Baptist Church of Durham, July, 1927, $98.68. Received at the above named church and Association $329.54. Paid out $250.00. Balance $178.22.

Respectfully submitted,
S. N. Noble.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

I, your Statistician, beg to make the following report for the year ending July, 1928:

Ordained Ministers	33
Licentiate Ministers	27
Churches	35
Baptized	361
Dismissed	64
Restored	75
Received by letter	83
Excluded	113
Death	71
Total Membership	5,057
Paid Pastors	$10,745.90
Foreign Mission	123.86
Orphan Asylum	49.10
Building and Repairing	8,404.89
Educational Purposes	220.61
Sick and Poor	746.00
Incidental	1,320.78
Brought to Association	294.93
Rest Home	98.25
Total Paid Out	$20,484.04
Value of Church Property	$86,115.00

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Rogers, Statistician.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION

For Moderator	$ 6.00
For Secretary	20.00
For Treasurer	2.00
For Statistician	2.00
For Corresponding Secretary	2.00
For Introductory Sermon	5.00
For Sexton	4.00
For Foreign Missions	17.40
For Rest Home	100.00
For Cleggs Chapel Church	5.00
For Program	4.00
For All-Baptist Celebration	33.00
For Printing Minutes	75.00
For Doctrinal Sermon	5.00
Total	$280.40

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward	$178.22
Received from Churches	123.59
Received from Public Collections and Ministers	64.47
Total	$366.28
Paid out to various objects	$280.40
Balance	$ 85.88

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary to the East Cedar Grove Association met with the New Hope Granville Church July 19, 1928. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Mollie Lyon and Mrs. Delia Montague. Hymn No. 846. Scripture lesson John 4:1-29. Prayer by Mrs. A. L. Ransom. The meeting was full of praise and testimonials. Mrs. Bettie Oakley came forward and among the many good things she said it was a pleasure for her to make the sisters welcome on behalf of the circle. The address was enjoyed and each delegate was made to feel welcome. Mrs. Lucinda Parrish responded to the welcome address; she made a very uplifting response. Because of the lack of time the President's annual address was omitted. The visitors were introduced and given a hearty welcome in the Auxiliary. Mrs. Ella Adkins came forward and spoke very encouragingly of mission work. Also Mrs. Ransom gave some brief thoughts on how we should organize the Cradle Roll in our churches since it was one of the most important departments of the church, and out of it grows the women of the future church.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought over from New Hope	$34.89
Collected July 19th	19.85
Total	$54.74

Disbursements

Printing	$ 5.00
All-Baptist Celebration	5.00
President	2.00
Secretary	2.00
Treasurer	1.00
Sexton	1.00
Expense	1.50
Total	$17.50
Balance on hand	$37.24

Mrs. Charlotte, Webb, President.
Mrs. Nancy Eaton, Secretary.
Mrs. Dora Hopkins, Treasurer.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

The _____ Baptist Church

_____ County,

To the East Cedar Grove Association—Greeting:

We send as Messenger Brethren _____

_____

Statistics

Gained		Lost	
Baptized	_____	Dismissed	_____
Received by Letter	_____	Died	_____
Restored	_____	Excluded	_____
Total	_____	Total	_____
	_____	Whole No. members	_____

Contributions

Paid Pastor . . . . . $_____

Home Missions . . . . . $_____

Foreign Missions . . . . . $_____

Orphan Asylum . . . . . $_____

Building and Repairing . . . . . $_____

For Educational Purposes . . . . . $_____

For Sick and Poor . . . . . $_____

For Incidentals . . . . . $_____

Brought to the Association for Representing Church $_____

Old Folks' Home . . . . . $_____

Total Paid Out . . . . . $_____

Valuation of Church Property . . . . . $_____

Pastor _____ Postoffice _____

Church Clerk _____ Postoffice _____

Remarks

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT BLANK

Postoffice _____

Name of Sunday School _____

Number joined during the year . . . . . _____

Weekly average attendance . . . . . _____

Deaths . . . . . _____

Total number . . . . . _____

We have collected and paid out for Quarterlies . $_____

Bibles . . . . . _____

Cards . . . . . _____

Rest Room . . . . . _____

Foreign Missions . . . . . _____

Home Missions . . . . . _____

Sent up to the Association . . . . . _____

We have _____ _____ Teacher and _____ Classes.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over your deliberations.

_____ Superintendent.

_____, Secretary

HOME MISSION REPORT BLANK

The _____ Baptist Mission,

_____ County, North Carolina.

To the East Cedar Grove Baptist Association—Greeting:

Dear Brethren: Through the mercy and grace of God, we the Woman's Auxiliary of the East Cedar Grove Association, are permitted to communicate with you again in your _____ annual session.

Condition of our Mission is _____

Members joined . .	_____	Garments	_____
Dismissed	_____	Home Missions . .	$_____
Deaths	_____	Foreign Missions . .	$_____
Total Membership . .	_____	Visits made . . .	_____
Meals given . . .	_____	Sent to Association	$_____

_____, President

_____, Secretary

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Baptized	Dismissed	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Paid Pastor	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan Asylum	Building and Repairs	Education	Sick and Poor	Incidentals	Brought up to Association	Rest Home	Total Paid Out	Value of Church Property	Membership
Oak Grove	Rev. J. T. Peace	17	5	2	2	1	10	$300.00	$ 10.00	$	$ 5.00	$ 31.25	$ 5.00	$ 71.39	$ 93.20	$10.00	$	$525.84	$5000.00	621
Second Baptist	Rev. E. W. Walker	10	2	7	7		2	1456.00	35.00	25.00	5.00	22.50	5.25	40.00	410.40	6.00		2114.20	2000.00	200
Lawson Chapel	Rev. J. T. Peace	9	2	2			4	240.00	40.00			64.29	20.00	44.05		6.15		414.49	300.00	158
Piney Grove	Rev. R. Crockett	3	4	3	3	3	5	300.00	4.00			289.45		27.32	72.56	3.00	3.00	731.25	3500.00	310
Olive Grove	Rev. J. T. Peace	11	3	1	1	1	1	200.00				6.50		16.45	33.50	4.00		260.45	2200.00	200
New Hope Person	Rev. S. T. Thomas	6		7		9		156.41	10.00	5.00		50.00		10.00		5.00		236.41	1825.00	106
New St. James	Rev. W. A. Blackwell	2	2	1		1	1	146.86	34.75	2.00		25.00		15.05		1.68		224.34	1300.00	84
St. Paul	Rev. A. Reid	4	4	2	15				30.00	10.00		300.00		100.00	1250.00	1.50	5.00	1550.00	2000.00	75
Cedar Grove	Rev. H. D. Eaton	6	1	4	1		4	260.65	36.10			17.00	2.00	38.31	36.10	4.50		394.66	3000.00	222
West Durham	Rev. T. C Graham	27		2	8	4	3	1310.00	105.00	19.00		675.00	29.32	60.50	3.00	3.00		2418.39	14000.00	240
Mt. Vernon	Rev. W. D. Smith	13	5	4		4	4	200.00				25.00		50.00	25.00	3.78		300.00	1000.00	189
Tally Ho	Rev. H. D. Eaton	17			1	2	1	200.00				200.05	115.00	10.07	7.80	4.30		400.19	2000.00	200
Calvary Baptist	Rev. W. C. Williamson							120.00	2.50					6.00				250.00	2500.00	80
New Hope Granville	Rev. J. T. Peace	24	2	1	4	5	3	186.00				120.00	8.00			5.36		313.00		268
Orange Grove	Rev. A. Blake	5	1	1		1	1	175.00				4.00	25.00		85.00	1.50	10.00	305.15	2000.00	81
Mt. Level	Rev. J. E. Thorpe	17	5	4	2	9	3	142.25	10.00			176.00	1.00	20.89	28.68	5.00		384.66	2000.00	170
Henderson Grove	Rev. D. D. Jones	9		6	4	3		125.00	24.71			50.00		8.19		1.16		207.91	2000.00	64
Cleggs Chapel	Rev. J. H. Street	3	1	1		2		143 62	11.75			58.81		49.05		3.00		277.71	3000.00	143
Union Grove	Rev. J. W. Bradsher	8				3		100.00	1.00		1.00	300.00	25.00	10.00	25.00	3.00		462.00	8000.00	323
Red Mountain	Rev. M. K. Hill	27	2	1	2	6	4	295.00	20.60	10.85		345.12		55.15		3.00		726.46	3500.00	319
Zoar Baptist	Rev. P. E. Green			2		9	3	170.00	2.25					12.00		1.20		340.00	1500.00	60
Ledge Rock	Rev. P. E. Green	4	1	1		6		150.00	28.00		1.00		1.00	3.00		6.00	5.00	194.00	3000.00	100
Jones Chapel	Rev. W. A. Blackwell	21	3	2			5	174.22				24.08		70.96		5.09		274.55	3000.00	151
Leas Chapel	Rev. John Dixon	11	1	3			3	100.00	1.60			121.00		3.80		1.50		227.00	2000.00	75
Olivet Baptist					2		2	25.00				88.22		5.00				118.22	4000.00	99
Shady Hill	Rev. H. D. Eaton	8	2	4	1		4	265.00		5.00		256.00	10.00	24.00	20.00	4.26		610.94	3000.00	213
Union Chapel	Rev. T. L. Bobbitt	13	1	1	3	2	3	125.00	4.00			90.00		12.00		1.70		233.70	1200.00	85
Siloam	Rev. W. A. Blackwell	8		1	2	4		159.54	3.81			36.00		11.51		1.56		230.98	1700.00	88
Green Field	Rev. Henry Hoskins				2	1		180.00	4.00			104.00		12.75	20.00	3.00		423.75	1000.00	100
Cameron Grove	Rev. J. E. Thorpe	11	3	5	4	3	2	115.00	6.65					4.10	5.00	3.15		133.90	1500.00	74
Rocky Spring	Rev. A. T. Price	8		3		1	2	209.65				63.50		22.60	16.50	3.00		315.25	3000.00	190
Mt. Calvary	Rev. Eli Thompson	27	1	3	4	3	1	250.00	80.55	5.00	5.00	60.00		23.25	20.90	3.00	37.38	482.18	3500.00	164
Lattisville Grove	Rev. J. W. Bradsher	14			1	1		50.00				300.00		10.00		1.70		366.70		85
First Baptist Creedmoor	Rev. W. D. Smith							101.36				5.00		5.00	3.50			215.91	850.00	45